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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

JEREMY MAURER, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

SPECIAL DATA PROCESSING CORP. d/b/a NATIONAL MAGAZINE EXCHANGE,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 04-CV-04093-MJJ

PROPOSED ORDER PRELIMINARILY APPROVING ASS SETTLEMENT AS SET FORTH IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

JUDGE: The Hon. Martin J. Jenkins CTRM.: 11

WHEREAS, a putative class action is pending in the Court entitled Jeremy Maurer, on behalf of himself and those similarly situated v. Special Data Processing Corp. d/b/a National Magazine Exchange, Case No. C 04-4093 ADR (MJJ), and which is the lawsuit (the "Action") described in the Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties having made application pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, for an order approving the settlement of the Action, in accordance with a Settlement Agreement and Release and the Exhibits annexed thereto (the "Settlement Agreement"), which sets forth the terms and conditions for a proposed settlement of the Action and for dismissal of the Action with prejudice upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement; and

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WHEREAS, the Court having read and considered the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement; and

WHEREAS, all defined terms contained herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Settlement Agreement;

## NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. For the purposes of this Settlement, the Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the action and personal jurisdiction over the parties and the members of the Settlement Class described below.
- 2. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2), the Court preliminarily certifies, solely for purposes of effectuating this Settlement, a "Settlement Class" defined as:

All persons in the United States whose Consumer Report NME obtained from Consumer Reporting Agency without the express consent of the consumer between September 28, 2002 and the date of the entry of Final Judgment (the "Settlement Class").

The "Class Period" for purposes of this Preliminary Approval Order is September 28, 2002 through the present and ending upon the entry of Final Judgment in this Action.

3. With respect to the Settlement Class, this Court preliminarily finds for settlement purposes only that: (a) the Settlement Class members are so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class members in the Action is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class which predominate over any individual questions; (c) the claims of the Named Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) the Named Plaintiff and his counsel fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of all of the Settlement Class Members; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the instant controversy.

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- The Court does hereby preliminarily approve the appointment of Jeremy 5. Maurer as Class Representative and finds that the modest \$5,000 incentive set forth in the Settlement Agreement is appropriate should the Settlement be finally approved at the Fairness Hearing and Final Judgment entered in this Action.
- 6. The Court does hereby preliminarily appoint Interim Class Counsel as Class Counsel and also preliminarily approves Class Counsel's application for Attorneys Fees and Expenses in the agreed upon amount of \$250,000 to paid in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement should the Settlement be finally approved at the Fairness Hearing and Final Judgment entered in this Action.
- A hearing (the "Fairness Hearing") shall be held before this Court at 7. on February 24, 2006 to determine: whether the proposed Settlement of the Action on the terms and conditions provided for in the Settlement Agreement is fair, adequate and reasonable as to the Settlement Class Members and should be approved by the Court; whether a Final Approval Order and Judgment as provided for in the Settlement agreement should be entered; and to finally determine the amount of the fees and expenses that should be awarded to Plaintiffs' Counsel, and of the fairness of the incentive payments to the Plaintiff, Class Representative, as proposed in the Settlement Agreement.
- 8. This Court has determined, after balancing the risk that notice costs may deter the pursuit of class relief, that notice to Class Members shall not be required.
- 10. All proceedings in this Action shall continue to be stayed until further order of the Court, except as may be necessary to implement the Settlement or comply with the terms of the Settlement Agreement. This stay is necessary to protect and effectuate the

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Case 3:04-cv-04093-MJJ Document 37 Filed 11/08/2005 Page 4 of 4 Settlement and this Preliminary Approval Order, and is ordered in aid of this Court's jurisdiction. IT IS SO ORDERED. PKNS\389035.1 04-CV-04093-MJJ -3-[PROPOSED] ORDER PRELIMINARILY

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